



**COUNTY OF PLACER**  
**FACILITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

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February 26, 2009

«OwnerName»  
«OwnerAddress1»  
«OwnerAddress2»  
«OwnerAddress3»

**RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A SEWER USER FEE INCREASE, PLACER COUNTY SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1**

Assessor's Parcel Number: «APN\_APN»

Situs Address: «SiteAddress»

Dear Customer:

Our records indicate that you are the owner of the property identified by the assessor's parcel number shown above. Sewer service to this parcel is provided by Placer County Sewer Maintenance District 1 (SMD 1). **On May 12, 2009 at 11:00 a.m., the Placer County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to consider an increase in the sewer user fee charged for SMD 1. The Board will also consider written protests concerning the increase. The hearing will take place in the Placer County Administrative Center, Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn CA 95603.** You may attend the hearing in person or send written comments to the Board at the same address.

The current sewer service charge for a single unit of service is **\$67.84** per month. The District proposes to increase this fee to **\$82.00** per month effective July 1, 2009. This increase is necessary because the District must comply with new State and Federal wastewater treatment plant effluent standards by June, 2010. To achieve compliance, the District must invest an estimated \$85 - \$142 million to either: 1) rebuild the existing treatment plant, or 2) build a pump station and pipeline to convey sewage to a treatment plant in Lincoln. These two choices have been discussed in public meetings on 6/24/08, 11/17/08, 12/8/08 and 1/13/09. Either approach will likely require the sale of bonds to finance construction, with further fee increases in future years to support repayment of the bonds. The current increase is needed to help pay for consultant costs associated with project design, environmental review and bond financing.

The above recommended fee is the monthly rate for a single-family residence. Most customers are billed for this service on their annual property tax statement. If your parcel is used for purposes other than a single-family residence, you may be billed more or less than the listed amount. If you are unsure as to the number of units of service your parcel is billed for, please feel free to call the telephone number listed below for clarification.

11476 C Avenue Auburn CA 95603  
Entrance at 2855 2nd Street

Administration – Building Maintenance – Capital Improvements – Museums – Parks  
Property Management – Environmental Engineering – Utilities

If you object to the proposed increase in the monthly service charge described in this notice, you may file a written protest with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. Written protests can be mailed, presented at the public hearing, or personally delivered to: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Placer, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, CA 95603.


A valid protest must contain:

- A description of the property (such as an address and/or assessor's parcel number) that is sufficient to identify the property.
- Written evidence that the signer is the owner of the property, if the signer is different than the person to whom this notice is addressed.

If a majority of affected property owners file written protests, the proposed rate change will not be imposed. State law provides that only the written protests of property owners may be considered to determine if a majority protest exists. No more than one protest per property may be submitted.

To obtain additional information regarding the proposed fee increase, you may attend the North Auburn Municipal Advisory Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. on April 14, 2009, in the Planning Commission Hearing Room, located in the DeWitt Center at 3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, California, or call (530) 889-6846. You may also visit our website at [www.placer.ca.gov/sewer](http://www.placer.ca.gov/sewer).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Durfee', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

James Durfee, Director  
Facility Services Department

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